

HOUSE No. 1960

By Mrs. Gomes of Harwich, petition of Shirley Gomes relative to the possession of firearms by certain persons. Public Safety and Homeland Security.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand and Five.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE POSSESSION OF FIREARMS BY CERTAIN PERSONS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 129B of chapter 140 of the General
2 Laws, as appearing in the 2002 Official Edition, is hereby
3 amended by inserting after the word “addiction” in lines 53 and
4 54 the following:—
5 alzheimer’s dementia.

1 SECTION 2. Said chapter 140 is hereby further amended by
2 inserting after section 129D the following section:—
3 Section 129E. A physician treating a person for alzheimer’s
4 dementia shall inquire of such person possesses any firearms. If
5 the answer is in the affirmative, the physician shall notify the
6 chief of police of the city or town where the patient resides. The
7 chief shall take action to revoke any firearm identification cards
8 and to remove all such firearms. No physician shall be liable in
9 any civil or criminal action for providing such information.